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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE FAYN CASE: MUCH INTEREST IN THIS CASE HERE AT VERY HIGH LEVELS: LOOKS LIKE FAYN IS USING US AS A TOOL IN CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES. I GUESS WE ALL WANT TO AVOID BEING USED AND TO AVOID VITIATING THE PRINCIPLE AND PRACTICE OF FREE ACCESS TO BROAD LEVELS OF SOVIET SOCIETY. HOPE THAT SWITCHING VENUE TO APARTMENTS DOES NOT LEAD TO CLAMPDOWN ACROSS-THE-BOARD ON OUR CONTACTS. IN VIEW OF INTEREST HERE, SUGGEST YOU KEEP CLOSE WATCH PRESS

LINE AND BE SURE ONLY AUTHORIZED SPOKESMAN DEALS WITH PRESS THERE.

2. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: OVERHEARD AT PARTY: (BY AN EUR COLLEAGUE). THE HIGH LEVEL RECOUNTING WITH CONSIDERABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROBATION THE LICKING THAT GEORGIY MARKOVICH TOOK AT HANDS OF OUR MAN IN MOSCOW WHEN CALLED IN TO RECEIVE PROTEST EARLIER THIS WEEK.

B. NO STRAWS IN THE WIND YET. THE GOV TOLD JACK YESTERDAY THAT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

2. FS REALLY MADE ALL-OUT EFFORT TO TRY TO RESOLVE EMBASSY'S CURRENCY PROBLEM. OC WOULD NOT ACCEPT RISKS INVOLVED IN SENDING VIA COURIER, NOT TO MENTION FACT COURIER WOULD HAVE TO PERFORM CASHIER FUNCTIONS IN GETTING PACKAGE TOGETHER IN FRANKFURT. OC HAS RESISTED USING COURIERS FOR THIS SERVICE AT REQUEST OF NUMEROUS POSTS. WE THOUGHT SUPPORT FLIGHT, IF THERE WAS TO BE ONE BEFORE SECRETARY'S TRIP, WOULD BE BEST BET; HOWEVER, FS NOW SENDING MONEY WITH SECRETARY'S PARTY. KNOW THAT

WON'T SOLVE YOUR IMMEDIATE NEEDS BUT PERHAPS YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENT FOR LESSER AMOUNTS IN INTERIM.

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